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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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**RE: Groome & Associates, Inc. and Lee K. Groome v. Greenville County Economic
Development Corporation
STB Docket No. 42087**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1104.7(b), Greenville County Economic Development Corporation ("GCEDC"), defendant in the above proceeding, hereby requests an extension of the time frames set forth in the Board's October 12, 2004 decision ("Decision"). Pursuant to the Decision, GCEDC's reply to Groome's December 21, 2004 opening statement is due January 10, 2005 and Groome's rebuttal to that reply is due January 31, 2005. GCEDC requests that its January 10th deadline be extended until January 24, 2005 and that Groome's deadline to file its rebuttal be extended until February 14, 2005. The extensions are necessary in order to provide GCEDC with adequate time to review the opening statement, hire experts, prepare testimony, review the discovery, and draft and file its reply. The intervention of the holiday period has made it extremely difficult for all of that to occur and still meet the January 10 deadline. GCEDC has been in contact with counsel for Groome and is authorized to state that counsel for Groome does not oppose this extension request as long as its time to file its rebuttal is also extended, which GCEDC has no objection to.

A copy of this filing has been served today on all parties of record to this matter by hand delivery. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

William A. Mullins

cc: All parties of record